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SUBJECT: US/GERMAN COMPETITION FOR TANK SALE TO THE
NETHERLANDS

REF: THE HAGUE 4712 DTG 250940ZAUG78 (NOTAL).

WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE US IS PROVIDING THE NETHERLANDS
INFORMATION CONCERNING PROCUREMENT AND POSSIBLE COPRODUC-
TION OF THE XM 1 TANK. WE CONSIDER THESE NEGOTIATIONS TO
BE PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE SINCE THEY ARE OCCURRING AS WE
APPROACH THE CRITICAL FRG DECISION ON AWACS. IN THIS
REGARD, IF THE US DOES NOT INTEND EITHER NOW OR IN THE
FUTURE AGGRESSIVELY TO PUSH THE XM 1 SALE TO THE DUTCH,
(REFTEL), THEN IT MIGHT HELP THE AWACS CASE TO MAKE THIS
POINT CLEAR TO THE GERMANS. BENNETT

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